

**Tuscarawas County Board of Developmental Disabilities**  
610 Commercial Ave. SW  
New Philadelphia, OH 44663-9365

Re: **Waiver Request for Form 470 & Form 471 Filing Deadlines**, Docket #02-6  
Form 470 Application Number: 146730001132348 Entity Number: 129680  
Form 471 Application Number: 925856

Filed by: Mark B. Schott, Director of Business Operations

To: Federal Communications Commission

Thank you for taking the time to consider our waiver request. We have been a participant in the eRate program for the past two years and have completed forms 470 and 471 submitting them electronically on February 28, 2013 and March 28, 2013 respectively.

We operate the Starlight School serving children with developmental disabilities, and often with physical disabilities, too. The eRate program has been extremely valuable in providing funding for telecommunications enabling us to conserve on costs overall and expand services and programs available to these children.

Our Administrative Assistant to the Business Office retired on November 30, 2012 after 19 years of service at the age of 73. Due to extreme health issues involving her husband, she was only available to train her replacement for 8 work days. Most of the training focused on preparing payroll for 150 employees with little time to explore other duties of the position.

One of those duties was managing grant programs and federally funded programs on our behalf. Our new employee was not aware of the eRate filing deadlines. Fortunately, we received an email indicating that an extension could possibly be granted if we completed our form 470 filing by February 28, 2013 and then followed that up with the completion of the form 471 filing on March 28, 2013. As indicated above, we filed the forms successfully by those dates.

Therefore, our request is that the deadline for filing these forms be waived due to the circumstances described and for the benefit of the children and families that we serve.

We are very grateful for this program and hope that we may be permitted to continue for the 2013-14 funding year.